

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION V Surveillance and Analysis Division 536 South Clark St.

Chicago, Illinois 60605

CERTIFIED MAIL August 19, 1980

Mr. James Tarpo American Chemical Service P.O. Box 190 Griffith, Indiana 46319

Dear Mr. Tarpo:

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On August 14, 1980 Mr. Ralph Coons made an on-site inspection with you of both your plant premises proper and the adjacent buried waste site. An oily discharge was noted emitting from the burial site and entering an area of surface water. This water was sampled by an investigative team on May 8-9, 1980. These results indicated the presence of several priority pollutants listed as hazardous materials.

Under Section 311 of the Clean Water Act, 33 USC 1321, the containment of the site is your responsibility. You agreed that the following containment measures would be instituted by you on September 1, 1980 with completion by November 1, 1980.

- Excavate 5 to 6 feet or to clay and seal the North and Northwest side of the site to complete the capping done on the West side.
- Do not back fill against the clay that is exposed so that it can be monitored periodically for leaching.

Progress inspections will be made after September 1, 1980 and a final inspection on or shortly after November 1, 1980 for compliance.

Should you have any questions on this, please contact me at (312) 886-6217.

Sincerely yours,

Ralph W. Coons

On-Scene Coordinator

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